



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 31 **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District** **Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 31 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to participate in designing, planning, and constructing permanent facilities to treat wastewater and recycled water in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District in California. The legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$12.5 million for that purpose.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$7 million over the 2009-2013 period and an additional \$6 million after 2013. Enacting the legislation would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 31 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 31 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	3	3	3	3	1	13
Estimated Outlays	1	1	2	2	1	7

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and that the \$12.5 million authorized by the bill will be appropriated over a five-year period.

H.R. 31 would authorize BOR to work with local authorities to construct a project designed to increase the availability of potable water in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District in California. The total estimated cost of the project is \$50 million. According to BOR, one component could be completed in four years, and the second could be completed in eight years. Under the legislation, the federal share of the cost of the project would be the lesser of \$12.5 million or 25 percent of the total project cost.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 31 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The act would benefit the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District by authorizing federal assistance for planning, designing, and constructing wastewater treatment facilities.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On July 9, 2007, CBO transmitted an estimate for H.R. 31 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar, as are their estimated costs.

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